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# IFALPA condemns Spanair 5022 report leak

CHERTSEY 23 September: The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations (IFALPA) deplores and condemns the leaking of certain elements of the yet to be completed draft report into the tragic crash of Spanair 5022 at Madrid Barajas Airport on 20 August by an official or officials of the Ministerio de Fomento (Ministry of Development). Not only does this leak contravene the internationally agreed principles of accident investigation set out in ICAO Annex I3; it is also a breach of trust to all those involved in the crash both alive and dead.

Furthermore, leaks of this nature do the cause of flight safety great harm since they invite ill-informed speculation about the causes of the accident which can detract from the lessons of the accident being learned and the proper corrective measures being undertaken. In addition, this kind of breach of confidentiality discourages co-operation with investigators in future accidents further hindering improvement in flight safety.

Accordingly, IFALPA calls on Mrs Magdalena Alvarez Arza, Minister of Development to investigate the origin of the leak and hold those responsible accountable.

## *Notes to Editors*

*The International Federation of Air Line Pilots' Associations represents in excess of 100,000 pilots in more than 100 countries world-wide. The mission of IFALPA is to be the global voice of airline pilots, promoting the highest level of aviation safety and security world-wide and providing services, support and representation to all of its Member Associations. See the Federation website [www.ifalpa.org](http://www.ifalpa.org)*

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